Though steep the way and dark the night, With ne'er a friendly ray of light, And dim and feeble be the sight, Sail happlaces waits in the dawn; There, just beyond the darkness, lies Love's sweet, sunlighted paradis

Be brave, poor heart, hope on! For every patient, struggling year, For every sacrifice made here, When heaven's mystic veil is drawn, A rich reward, ten thousandfold, Will come, with happiness untold-Hope on, dear heart, hope on -Memphis Scimiter.

The Parson's Salary.

The Church Was Too Poor to Pay

The Rev. John Sopor tried hard to do his duty when he became pastor of a church at Windport, down on Long Island. It was his first charge, and he soon began to think that, when he was called to the ministry, either the wrong John Sopor answered the telephone or the message was a fake one. One of the first things he found out was that the church was in debt and willing to become more so. For a month or two the parcel which he had laid on the he got the whole of his miserably small salary. Then he got only part of it, and finally he found it necessary to

speak about the condition of things. Deacon Sifter was the chief man in the church. He had the reputation of being well to do. He was the principal storekeeper in the village and lived away from his business in an old fashioned dwelling, facing on the main street. His daughter Rachel was a very charming girl of 19 or 20. All the young men around were anxious for her acquaintance. But Rachel had received a good education and was, moreover, sincerely pious and had no taste for the boorish manners, uncouth speech and careless habits of most of the young men around. The new pastor was a very different man from the natives in all respects. He was tall, strong and erect, with a manly face and gentle methods. He was well informed and knew how to talk and didn't assume an air of superiority, as some young pastors do. I think that it is best to say at once that he fell in love with Rachel and that she was willing and glad. Neither is it necessary to say that he visited the deacon's house oftener than any other in Wind-

I have said that the pastor's salary was miserably small. So when it came in regularly it was barely enough to pay his living expenses. When it ceased to come in, he was taken aback. So he went to the deacon and had a long talk with him, and the deacon said he would see about it.

"I hope you will as speedily as possible," said the pastor, "for, you see, I am a poor man and possess no other

The deacon and his wife after this laid their heads together. They had noticed the pastor's liking for Rachel and felt rather flattered, taking it for granted that a young man who had Mrs. Sifter put up a big, substantial spent years at college, always dressed sandwich and handed it out at the door well and had accepted the charge of so to the tramp, as she supposed, for it poor a church must have a good in- was pretty dark, and she saw only the come apart from his profession. The outline of a man. She accompanied result was that husband and wife the gift with the admonitions already agreed that the pastor's visits must recorded. Afterward she was sorry be discouraged, as they expected their daughter to marry a man of means and not a pauper, no matter how good he | was gone and was sure that while she Mrs. Sifter to let the pastor under- had entered through the unclosed door stand in an offhand way the views of and stolen the garment. herself and her husband as to their expectations about Rachel.

So when the pastor called soon afterward and was having a pleasant conversation with Rachel in the parlor her mother bustled in and greeted Mr. Sopor with much fervor. She sat down and talked about the weather and the to see the baby.-Brooklyn Citizen. crops and the Sunday school and the hard times. Then she suddenly remembered that she wanted something from the store and supposed that Rachel wouldn't mind fetching it. Rachel at once rose, excused berself

and departed on her mission. "See how rendily she goes," said her mother. "She's a real good girl, and I'm so thankful that, in spite of her fine education, she is always ready to help me. You see, some people thought we was sp'iling her when we sent her to college, but she was our only one, and we were anxious that she should be a fit wife for a good man, no matter how high up he might be. We've seen a many nice girls make up with young men and marry them, though they badn't more than \$10 or \$12 a week, and in most cases when anything out of the way happened they had to fall back on their parents for help. Of course we've got a little something laid by, but don't intend our daughter to depend on that when she gets married. Better stay single and bide at home than do that."

There was only one interpretation which Mr. Sopor could find for this speech, including the \$10 or \$12 a week allusion, and that was that the deacon and his wife had seen his liking for Rachel and wanted it understood that they would strenuously object to him as a son-in-law.

A few days later in the evening a church meeting was held, and the paştor spoke very plainly about his salary and the failure of the members to at tend the services and subscribe. He was always a plain speaker. In the pulpit he used simple language and homely illustrations and never talked politics or lectured on novels, but kept close to his text.

"I won't be in debt for the food I eat." he said, "and so you must either pay me the salary agreed on or release

me and let me go elsewhere." "Ye see, pastor," said one of the deacons, "we thought ye'd ha' gathered in some o' the worldly minded people around, but ye don't seem to take. I see the young men come along and listen for a minute at the church door and then go. Now if ye'd had a rousin way with ye and made things hot they'd ha' come right in and might ha' Mn converted."

"I am quite aware of my imperfections," Mr. Sepor said, "and am ready to remove them and myself out of your sight and hearing, but I want it under- day he was without cotton and found stood that you have covenanted with

me to pay me so much a month and you haven't done it, and I must either live on credit or starve." "I've lived on credit and traded on

credit," said Deacon Sifter, "and nobody thinks the worse of me, but then I never was a confessed pauper."

"You are at liberty to live on credit again," Mr. Sopor said, "but as a Christian you are not at liberty to force your pastor to do so. It would be a disgrace to the Christian name."

The meeting grew stormy and adjourned without any attempt to pay the pastor's salary. The very next day. however, something happened to render the pastor less anxious about his salary. He received a letter, informing him that an uncle had died, leaving him an estate of over \$200,000. Just as it was growing dark he started for the deacon's store, intending to smooth things over about the salary. The deacon, however, had gone home to supper and Mr. Sopor directed his steps toward his dwelling. He found the door ajar and was about to knock with his knuckles on the panel when the door opened and a small parcel was thrust into his hand, and he heard the

stern voice of the deacon's wife: "There! Take that and be off with you. And don't you come loafing

around here ugain." The door was banged in his face. He stood dumfounded. Then he turned away with a sigh and went toward his boarding house, still holding the parcel. When he reached his apartments, he struck a match and lighted his lamp. Then he looked down at table. It was covered with a piece of brown paper. He took it up, felt the weight of it and wondered what it could be. He had once lent a lamp to Rachel for her bleycle, but it didn't feel like that. So he slowly removed the wrapper and found within-two slices of stale bread with a slice of

cold meat between them! His heart sank. This was indeed a wicked act, a most unprovoked insult. It was throwing the dog a bone and then kicking him out.

Next Sunday after the preaching Mr. Sopor told the congregation that he was going to leave.

"You owe me four or five months salary, but I'll make a present of it to the church," he said. "I am sorry I've had to complain of poverty because of your failure to pay me what you covenanted. Still I am grateful that at least one among you showed a disposition to help me. I went to the door of one of the members the other night, and the lady of the house kindly thrust this parcel into my hand."

He held up the parcel, opened it and exhibited the two slices of bread and the slice of meat. There was consternation all around, but most of all in Deacon Sifter's pew, as the pastor held up the sandwich and turned it in different directions so that all might see it. Then he pronounced the benedic

I am not informed what the congre gation said or thought. I only know that while the people in the village were at dinner Deacon Sifter went round to the pastor and carried him away to the Sifter dwelling. Mrs. Sifter had recovered sufficiently from hysterics to talk between sobs and spasms. This was the explanation she

Just at dusk a tramp came to the house and asked for something to eat. she had given the rogue anything, for she found that her husband's overcoat Of course it devolved on was getting the sandwich the tramp

So it turned out that just after the tramp had absconded with the coat the pastor come up to the door, and hence this story.

Mr. Sopor didn't leave the church, and he did marry Rachel, and I am going down next week, if all be well,

Mirrors In Show Windows.

Effective results in show windows are often produced by the aid of mirrors, doubling the exhibit, or even seeming indefinitely to extend it. A curious illustration of the effectiveness of mirrors in such use was shown in a window of a big toy store. Ranged in companies and battalions, following one another upon a foot wide strip of plass raised above the floor of the window and extending along close to the window in front and along the entire width of it, was a long column of toy soldiers, marching, or seeming to march, the figures being all in march ing attitudes. At the side of the window was a mirror standing vertically, but running back from the front at an angle slightly acute. Seen from the sidewalk and at a little distance from the window, the reflection in the mirror of the marching column of soldiers had the appearance of a continuation of it. the column turning at the mirror, at a slight angle from the course of its march along the glass, the effect being produced by the angle at which the mirror was set.-New York

An Accommodating Enr. Philadelphians have become accusomed to the Chinaman who carries his nickel for carfare in his ear, but it remained for an enterprising representative of The Record to discove

a man who used the soft lobe of his ear for a cotton wad. Passengers on a street car in the Quaker City the other day were attracted to a well dressed man of middle age because of something peculiar they noticed about his right ear. It seemed to those who looked that the ear was minus a lobe. Suddenly there was a flop, and the interested passengers then noticed that the ear was all right, with the lobe in the place

where it ought to be. By the time the passengers had gone deep into wonder over the strange sight the man raised his hand and pushed the lobe into the opening of the ear, placing the ear in the condition. it was before the flop. Noticing that the man who sat next to him stared in an inquiring way at him, the man with the magic ear said that the lobe

was his earache cure. He was a great sufferer from the ache, he said, and formerly used cotton to shut the wind out of his ear. One

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that he could shove the lobe into the opening. It did not only keep the wind out, but the pain disappeared quicker, and since then he has always put the lower part of his ear into use when the carache has come on.

Wendell Phillips and Blaine. When Wendeli Phillips was last in Washington, he was for a few minutes outlet for his energies than the barteron the floor of the United States senate, surrounded by a group of senators, casional night's fishing on the reef? among whom was Senator James G. Blaine, always a favorite with Mr. Phillips. It so happened that a few weeks before this time Mr. Blaine, in through the pass. A half grown girl presenting to congress the statue of leaped into the water and hastened up Governor King, first governor of to the store with something fastened Maine, to be placed in the rotunds of in a banana leaf. It was a letter, the capitol, had commented severely which she shyly handed to the trader. on the lovalty of Massachusetts, and especially the Federalist party, during

the war with Great Britain in 1812. Of this party the father of Wendell Phillips, John Phillips, was a conspicuous member. When Blaine's awe: speech was made Dawes and Hoar were senators from Massachusetts, and they both essayed some sort of an impromptu reply thereto, but did themselves little credit in parrying the thrusts of Blaine's glittering rapier.

So when Wendell Phillips met Blaine on this occasion, he said to him laughingly, "I wish I had been a member of this body for about an hour the other day when you made that speech attacking the Massachusetts Federalists."

"Ab," said Mr. Blaine with that ready wit which never deserted him. "if you had been here I shouldn't have made that speech!"-Harper's Magazine.

What He Was Looking For. "I tell you, sir," he said, "the girls of today are not properly educated. Before I marry I want to find a girl who is able to cook."

"Yes?" returned the other disinterstedly. "Don't you?"

"Can't say that I care particularly unhappiness. Here he had found peace about that." "What kind of a girl do you want,

then?" "What kind do I want? Oh, I want a girl who is able to hire a cook and incidentally a butler and a coachman and footman and all the rest that go to

make life comfortable."—Chicago Post. New Version. Sunday School Teacher-You may re

peat the golden text. Johnny-Them wot's got, gits; an them wot's got nothin gits left!-Hariem Life.

A Breadful Game. "Don't you admire football, Clara?" "I detest it Percy's got his colin bone broken, and I can't put my head on his shoulder for a month."-Chicago

If Akron People Are Not Convinced by Local Testimony, They Differ From Other People.

Facts are stubborn. Some may be disputed. None can be disproved.

fact is always hedged about ich proof. Has to stand the test of investiga

Or it drifts to the realm of doubt. Investigate closely the following. The closer the scrunity the more onvincing the result. An Akron citizen speaks here

Speaks from experience and con-

Mr. J. W. Foster, 124 Broadway, re tired, says: "Doan's Kidney Pills re-lieved my kidneys although pre-scriptions and standard medicines l tried failed to benefit me. I suffered greatly from pain in my back just below my kidneys. Procuring Doan's Kidney Pills at Lamparter & Co.'s drag store they soon stopped the backache, regulated the kidney secretions and relieved me of much inconvenience. They caused me to rest well nights, banished the weari-

no hestiancy in recommending them to others in need of a preparation of this kind. Doan's Kidney Pills for sale by at deniers. Price 50 . Mailed by Foster Milburn Co., Buffalo, N.Y. Sole agents for the U.S. Remember the name Doan's and take no substitute. Kinross. "I do it myself because I was

ientarly in the mornings and I have

wrong; because you were good to me that time I was sick and lent me the

He lifted his head.

And the Vision that stood there smiled.

"Oh, Poet," she said.

"I have come at thy bidding; no child \$100 and the trade." "And you want noding?" asked Englebert, still incredulous. Of thy fancy, dead, But living and breathing as thou!

THE POEM.

His heart, how it burned!

With an infinite yearning and strove With his doubts till she turned-

She, the Vision—and sorrowful went for he knew her intent.

And seized on her undulant veil, With its odor as sweet As the Maytime, and, lo, it did trail

In his tand, all complete! She had gone, and he cherished, forlors, The veil she had worn.

He showed it to men, and they cried
As they noted, amazed,
The diaphanous wonder, "What pride
Of invention!" and praised.

That Day He Decided to Re

nounce Preferment For the Girl He Loved.

By Lloyd Osborne.

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His thirtieth birthday! His first

routh was behind him, with all its

heartburnings, its failures, its mani-

fold humiliations. What had he done

these years past but drift, forlorn, pen-

niless and unattached, over those shal-

ows where others had stuck and pros-

In the colonies he had tolled unre

mittingly in half a hundred characters,

groom, cook, boundary rider, steamer

roustabout, always sinking, always

falling. Had life nothing more for

him than an endless succession of not

empty days on the farthest beach of

Upolu, with scarcely more to eat than

the commonest Kanaka and no other

ing of salt beef for coprah and an oc-

The hoise of an incoming boat drew

him to the door, and he looked out to

Walter Kinross looked at it with sur-

prise, for it was the first be had re

ceived for four years, and the sight of

its English stamp and familiar hand-

writing filled him with something like

My Dear Nephew-I know you're pretty old t

come back and start life afresh here, but if you haven't had the unmitigated folly to get married out there and tied by the leg forever I'll help

you to make a new start, if you have the grit to do it. You shan't starve if \$1.500 a year will keep you, and if you will try and turn over a

new leaf and make a man of yourself in good ear

nest I am prepared to mark you down substan-tially in my will.

esults. You're no longer a boy, and this is prob

ably the last chance you'll ever get of entering

for you will doubtless need clothes, etc., as well as your passage money, and if you decide not to return you can accept it as a present from your

old uncle. Affectionately yours,
Alphen Baynock.

the sky overhead and the trade

against his cheek, and take all nature

into his puny confidence. Besides,

Vaiala had now a new charm for him,

one he had never counted on to find.

Hard and lonely though his life had

been, this Samoan bay was endeared to

him by a thousand pleasant memories

and even by the recollection of his past

and love, freedom from taskmasters,

scenes more beautiful than any picture,

A little money, and his life might

have been tolerable, even happy;

enough money for a good sized boat, a

cow or two, and those six acres of the

Pascoe estate he had so often longed to

buy. How often had he talked of it

with Leata who had been no less eager

than himself to harness their quarter

acre to the six and make them all his

little paradise. Poor Leats, whom he

had taken so lightly from her father's

house and paid for in gunpowder and

kegs of beef; his smiling, soft eyed

Lenta, who would have died for him!

What was to become of her in this new

By this time he had worked quite

round the bay, and almost without

knowing it he found himself in front of

Paul Englebert's store. Englebert was

the other trader in Valala, a peppery,

middle aged Prussian, who had been a

good friend of his before those seven

readfruit trees had come between

He recalled Englebert's rough, jovial

kindness, remembered how Paul had

cared for him through the fever, and

helped him afterward with money and

trade. How could be have been so petty

as to make a quarrel of these bread-

fruit trees? Poor eld Paul! It was a

shame they hadn't spoken these two

On the veranda, barefoot and in

striped pyjamas, was Englebert, pre-

tending not to see him. To Kinross, as

he walked up the path and mounted

the veranda stairs, the man looked old

"How do you do, Englebert?" he said.

The German looked at him with

smoldering eyes. "Gant you see I'm

"You might offer a man a chair,"

"Dere is no jare for dem dat isn't wel-

"I used to be welcome here," said

Kinross. "There was a time when you

were a precious good friend of mine.

"Dat wass long ago," said the trader.

that I've acted like a fool about those

"Dat wass what I was dinking, too,

"Take them; they are yours," said

"So!" said Englebert with dawning

atelligence. "De Yerman gonsul has at

"Hang the German consul! No!" cried

ast to my gomplaint listened."

Kinross. "You can build your fence

dese two-dree years," responded the

T've been thinking," said Kinross,

said Kinross, seating himself on the

and sick, and not a little changed.

vears.

ousy?" he said.

Paul Englebert."

there tomorrow."

ome," said the German.

tool chest.

other

irrangement of things.

and, not least, a sufficiency to cat.

see the pastor's old whaler heading

ered?

He leant to his feet

The veil he upraised.

But sweeter and sadder he grew And replied, "If you knew!"

-Henry Bannister Merwin in Atlantic

"I want to shake your hand and be friends again, old man," said Kinross, same as we used to be when we play ed dominos every night, and you'd tell he thought, "'Tis a dream. If I mov It will vanish" and yearned me about the Austrian war, and how the prince divided the cigars with you when you were wounded."

The German looked away. "Oh, Kin ross," he said, with a queer shining look in his eyes, "you make me much ashamed." He turned suddenly round and wrung the Englishman's hand in an Iron grasp. "I too, wass fool. Ho Malia, de beer!" His strapping native wife appeared

with bottles and mugs. At the sight of their guest she could scarcely conceaher surprise. "Prosit," said Englebert, touching plasses "You know dom six agers of do

Pasgoe estate," he said, looking very hard at his companion; "very nice little place, very sheep, youst behind your Kinross nodded, but his face fell, in

THIRTIETH BIRTHDAY spite of himself. "I from the American gonsul bought htm." went on the German, "very sheep-\$200 Chile money."

Kinross looked black. "Dey are yours. Pay me back when

you have de money. I buy dem only to spite you. My friend, take dem." "Paul, Paul," cried Kinross, "I don't know what to say-how to thank you Only this morning I got money from home, and the first thing I meant to do

was to buy them." "All de better." said Englebert, "and my boy, you blant goffee. It's de goffee dat bays, and I will get you blenty leetle drees from my friend, de gap tain in Utumbau blantation. Yoost one glass beer. Ho, Malia, de beer!" Kinross tore himself away with dificulty and started homeward, his neart swelling with kindness for the old Prussian. He exulted in the six acres he had so nearly lost, and they now seemed to him more precious than

Then be remembered he was leaving Vaiala, and again he heard the hum of Londou in his ears.

He found Leata sitting on the floor spelling out "The Good News From New Guinea," in the missionary magazine. He sat down beside her and pressed her curly hair against his lips and kissed it.

"Of all things in the world what wouldst thou like most. Leata?" he asked.

"To have thee always near me. Kinirosi," she answered. "Before I had no understanding and was like the black people in the missionary book, but now my heart is pained, so full it is with

"But if I gave thee a little bag of gold," he said. "and took thee to Apia, my pigeon, what wouldst thou buy?" "First I would give \$10 to the new church," she began. "Then for my father I would buy an umbrella and a shiny hag in which he could carry his cartridges and tobacco when he goes to war: for my mother, also an unbrella and a picture book like that of the missionary's, with photographs of Queen Victoria and captains of men-ofwar; for my sister, a Bible and a hymnbook, and for my brother a little

pigeon gun." "Tomorrow we shall go to Apia and buy them," said Kinross. "This morning the pastor brought me a letter from Britain with a present of many dol-The house could not contain him and his eager thoughts; he must needs feel lars."

> breaking my heart! I feared the letter would make you go back to the white man's country.' His resolution was taken, be it for good or evil. "I shall never go back,"

Clever Engineering Feat. A rallway recently built in southern

he said .- Ainslee's Magazine.

Bavaria practically carries a creek across the railway, instead of the railway crossing the creek. The stream is a small tributary of the Isar river, that in stormy times is swelled to enormous proportions. Every bridge that has been built over it has been carried away. Finally a young engineer offered to solve the difficulty. A tunnel of strong masonry was first

constructed across the valley and reenforced on the outside, turned toward the torrent with all the rocks available that had collected there. Cross walls leading from the solid rock and across the tunnel were built and strongly braced. This was done to protect the rallway. The rest was left for nature to do. At the first strong rain everything happened as the young engineer had predicted. Bowlders and rocks coming down with the water filled up the big hele left between the tunnel and the rocks, until the overflow carried everything across the tunnel. The bed of the torrent was raised by itself, and now there is not the slightest danger of interruption in this part of the railroad even after the most severe rainsterm.

Whence Its Value. Hicks-You know that "silence is

Wicks-That means it is very preclous because it is so scarce.-Boston Transcript.

Quicksands Midden Under Clay. Curious but dangerous freaks of nature frequently found in the deserts of Arizona are called sumideros by the Mexicans and Indians. They are masked pitfalls of quicksand that occur in the dry plains and are covered with a treacherous crust of clay that has been spread over them in fine particles by the wind and baked dry by the sun. The peculiar properties of the soil

retain all the moisture drained into them after the infrequent rains and allow it to be filtered to unknown depths, so that a man or a horse or a cow or a sheep that once steps upon that desight beyond hope of rescue. The sumideros are on a level with the surface of the desert. There is no danger signal to mark them, and their surface cannot be distinguished by the ordinary eye from the hard clay that surrounds them. They occur most frequently in the alkali covered flats and are often 15 or 20 feet in diameter. Sometimes they are only little pockets or wells that a man can lean across but the longest pole has never found their bottom. A stone thrown through the crust sinks to unknown depths,

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the mysterious disappearance of many men and cattle -Chicago Record

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the agricultu ! occupations of the year are over and possibly because the lords of creation from gulte remote Houses on monthly payments, choice lot on Wooster av. will be sold at a secrifice antiquity have recognized the pleasantness of having wives to cook and cater for them during the long winter. On Review Sunday everybody goes to church, and after service there is a church parade in every village, when

otner, but forbear to speak. On Decision Sunday each bachelor who is seeking a wife approaches the maiden of his choice with a ceremonious bow and from her manner of responding judges whether his advances are acceptable. Purchase Sunday the consent of the parents is sought if the suit has prospered during the week Not until Possession Sunday, howey er, do the twain appear before the world as actual or prospective brides and grooms.-Denver News.

the youths and maldens gaze upon each

Euglish Secret Service Money. The term "secret service money" is usually applied to a fund placed at the disposal of ministers to be expended at their discretion in promoting or protecting the interests of this country These moneys consist of a sum of £35, 000 annually included in the estimates in respect of which ministers are only

required to make a declaration that the moneys spent have been expended "in accordance with the intentions of parliament." As ministers are required to give no account of their stewardship, it is obvious we have no means of knowing how these moneys are expended. The reader, however, who carries his mind back to episodes within his knowledge,

such as the collapse of the Fenian con spirators or of their later development, the "Irish Invincibles," will have little difficulty in realizing how indispensable a fund of this kind is to the protection of a state and of understanding the infinite variety of uses to which it may be applied.-Chambers' Journal.

Her Own Prescription. Dr. Young-My dear, your throat de mands better protection from the drafts of the opera house. Mrs. Young-Yes, darling; I ought to have a three rope pearl necklace for

Among the Vosges peasants children born at the new moon are supposed to have better bung tongues than others and those born at the last quarter to have keener reasoning powers.

such occasions,-Jewelers' Weekly.

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